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Applicants: Margaret BYWATER et al. Conf.: 1463  
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Re: SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS OF NEOPLASTIC  
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NEOPLASIA

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, the due date for response having been extended two (2) months to December 8, 2003 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.